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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Omaha Indian Community,

I would like to thank the readers of the American Indian Center Newsletter. Special thanks to Mr. Mario L. Peniska, Wayne Tyndall, Carolyn Williams, the Lincoln Indian Center, the Nebraska Indian Commission, and the Santee Sioux Tribe for their input into our monthly Newsletter.

This month's main feature is our Annual American Indian Center Picnic to be held at Hnascom Park, 30th and Woolworth Streets in Omaha. Activities for that day are:

1. Election at our Center - 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M
2. Free Dinner at Hanscom Park
 - Hot Dogs
 - Baked Beans
 - Pop
 - Potato Chips
3. Volley Ball

We have rented the Pavillion for the day, to serve food.

Everybody is welcome. We expect to see the people we serve and represent.

The American Indian Center Staff will host and serve the Indian Community.

Respectfully,



Timothy F. Woodhull,
Executive Director
AMERICAN INDIAN CENTER OF OMAHA, INC.



Santee High School celebrates initial graduation exercises



Hawk

Santee Public School proudly announces its first high school graduation exercises to be held Friday, May 19, 1978 at 7 p.m. in the school gymnasium. Graduation speaker will be Mr. Brad Bowker, principal of Lila Andrew Elementary School, Ainsworth. Mr. Bowker was formerly the principal of the Santee Elementary School.

Graduating seniors will be Loren Laurence Hawk, son of Ardith Hawk and Kenneth Boyd James, son of Joseph James and Vera Loren Hawk.

Loren Hawk, son of Ardith Hawk was born January 18, 1960. His high school activities include: Indian Club, junior year; Yearbook, junior year; Track, senior year; basketball, junior and senior years. Loren's goal: He plans to attend Norfolk Technical Community College.



James

White. Eighth grade and kindergarten graduation will be held the same night. Graduating eighth graders will be Sandra Cutts, Stephanie Freemont, Mike Henry, Lisa James, Myles Jones, Henry Redwing, Dawn Thomas, Brenda Welch and Brent Welch.

Graduating from Kindergarten will be Lance Brandt, Jason Broncheau, David Gilpin, Jon Johnson, Richard Johnson, Vern Kitto, Stephanie Moose, Renea Patzer, Regina Trudell and Cheryl Wright. KEN JAMES

Ken James is the son of Joseph James. He was born on February 23, 1960. Ken's high school activities include: basketball, grades 9, 10 and 12; Track, 9; Football, grade 9; Indian Club, grade 11; Student Council, grade 12; Play, grade 12. He is undecided as of yet what he is going to do.



RANDY FOSTER PHOTO

Santee Eighth Grade Graduates

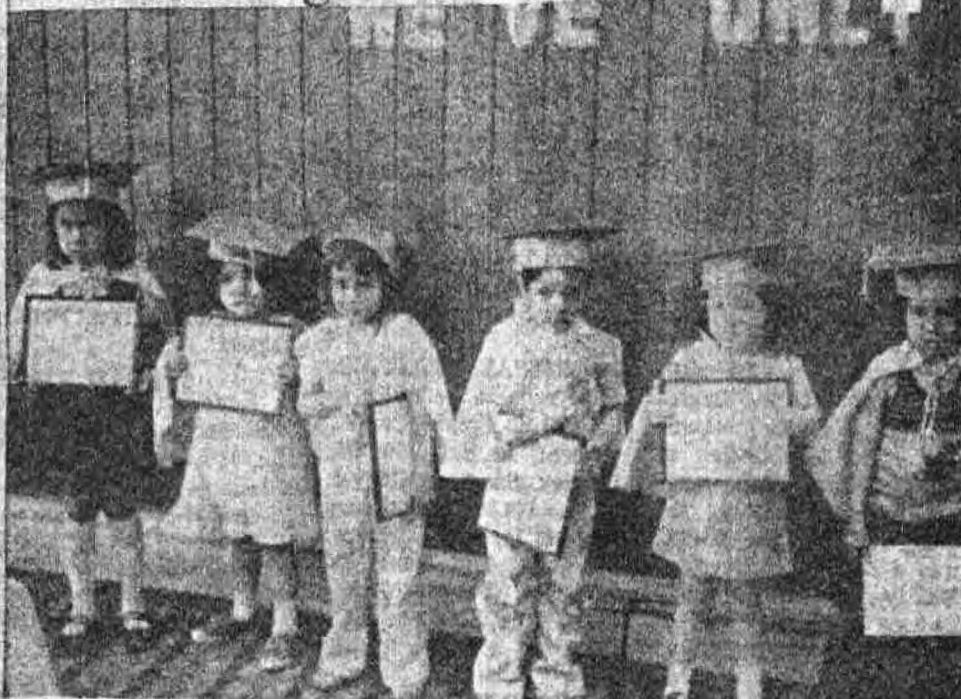


PHOTO BY LA RETA BRANSTITER

Santee Headstarters graduate

"We've Only Just Begun" was the Class Motto of the eight members of the Head Start graduating class at Santee Thursday evening, May 18.

Headstart Director, Cora Jones, introduced the staff members: Becky Frazier, Karen Geist, Laura Rouillard, Roberta

Trudell, Mike Crosley and cook, Julia Goodteacher, to those present.

She also presented the

speaker for the occasion, Rev. Ronald Campbell, who told the class that this was just the first of many graduations.

The graduates, Lee Ann Brandt, Shelly Campbell, Dana DeCory, Justin

DeCory, Jill Foner, Emmy Goodteacher, Rhonda and Bianca White, were dressed in white capes and blue caps to receive their Diplomas from the Director.

Special Awards were given to members of the Parent Policy Council, Rita

White, Marie Harris, Barb Crosley, Marge Gilpin, Ida Tuttle and Ramona Patzer.

The Council presented Headstart staff members T-Shirts with Headstart Staff written on them. The staff presented the graduates T-shirts with Headstart Graduate on them. A potluck supper followed the graduation exercises.

Indians Pioneer With Macy Clinic

By Tom Allan

World-Herald Staff Writer

Macy, Neb. — It will be a memorable day here Tuesday as the Omaha Indian tribe dedicates its \$1.7 million Carl T. Curtis Health Education Center.

The out-patient medical clinic and 25-bed nursing home will be dedicated in 2 p.m. ceremonies. Traditional Indian dances and a buffalo and beef feast will follow, according to Tribal Chairman Eddie Cline.

The buff brick complex, on the hill overlooking this Thurston County tribal headquarters village, represents a national landmark in Indian history.

It marks the first time in the United States that a nursing home will be operated solely by an Indian tribe, Cline said.

And for the first time in the history of the Aberdeen Area Indian Health Service, covering North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin, that a tribe will manage and operate an outpatient clinic, he said.

"It is a pioneering venture," said Bruce Johnson, service unit director for the Public Health Service Indian Hospital at nearby Winnebago. "The Omaha tribe is to be commended for a lot of courage in taking it on."

For the Omahas, it is another step in self-determination under Public Law 93638.

Johnson said tribal leaders signed a contract under terms of the law with the Indian Health Service in mid-May at Aberdeen, S.D.

The health center "will be strictly tribal managed and operated," Johnson said. "All of the tribe's medical-service programs will be housed there."

The Winnebago hospital will continue to provide inpatient



—World-Herald Photo.

Mrs. Herrod and Tribal Treasurer Lawrence Gilpin . . . at center.



—World-Herald Map.

care, as it has in the past for both the Omaha and Winnebago tribes. But Macy's new facility will handle medical outpatient, dental and optometric needs.

Cline said the tribal council voted just a week ago to name the clinic in honor of Sen. Curtis.

"He's a pretty good old dude, and he helped us a lot," Cline said.

Curtis will be honored at the dedication. Both he and Emery Johnson, assistant U.S. surgeon general and head of the Indian Health Service in Washington, will be featured speak-

ers. Other Public Health Service and IHS officials will participate.

Technically, the Tuesday dedication will mark just the completion of the center. It is not expected to be operational until later in the summer.

A major task remains in obtaining sufficient qualified personnel for an ultimate staff of 79 — including two physicians, two physician assistants, a dentist, an optometrist, and X-ray and laboratory technicians. A recruitment program has been started.

Already at work is administrator Nancy Herrod. The Oklahoma native of Cheyenne-Arapahoe-Potawatomie heritage is a graduate of Oklahoma's Southwestern State College and has a master's degree in public health administration from the University of Oklahoma.

She has been involved in planning the 37,000-square-foot center for more than a year.



ATTENTION: EXPERIENCED NATIVE AMERICAN FILMMAKERS

The Institute of American Indian Arts is compiling a list of all Native American people who have been involved in 16 mm or 35 mm filmmaking in any capacity. They are interested in planning future Indian film productions which would use Indian producers, directors, crew members, editors, writers, technicians, etc.

Please send them your name, address, tribal background and a short description of your experience in working with films.

Please send any information to:

MEDIA CENTER

Attn: Rae Mahar

Institute of American Indian Arts

Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

REMINDER

The State patrol will be accepting applications for the September training camp until June 23. Applicants must be 21 years of age and be a high school graduate or equivalent. For more information, contact the Nebraska State Patrol or the Commission Office.

The Commerce Department and many Indian tribes are finding that the tourist business can throw you faster than a mustard. In a program designed to help the tribes, the department's Economic Development Administration since 1967 has poured about \$61 million

Capitol



Report

into development of 63 tourist facilities on reservations in 19 states. The EDA reasoned that resorts blossoming in the hinterlands would generate cash and jobs for hard-pressed tribesmen. Instead, the Indians have been left holding a sackful of operating losses. In a study sponsored by the Ford Foundation and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Harry Clement, a tourism consultant, estimates that the tourist projects already have rolled up operating deficits exceeding \$20 million and are still losing; he believes the operating losses of the 12 largest projects total \$10,000 a day. Tribal investments of \$15 million also are in jeopardy. . .

If you are a Federal employee and your boss has been looking at you strangely the past few weeks he (or she) may be trying to decide if you are black, white, Hispanic or an Eskimo. Many US agencies are updating secret racial-ethnic check lists they keep on employees to determine how many minorities they think they have on the payroll. The material will be used for both new and renewed "affirmative action" programs. The numbers, which officials say are not linked to names, now are used to monitor the promotion progress of minorities. That data will become even more important this June when the US Civil Service Commission launches the so-called Sugarman Plan. It will permit agencies to hire persons outside normal civil service merit channels if they come from racial or ethnic groups that are "underrepresented" in certain occupations in government. . .

BILLS TO WATCH FOR

HJR 1 MEEDS

DESTROYS INDIAN HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS

HJR 206 DINGELL

DESTROYS INDIAN HUNTING AND FISHING GUARANTEED BY TREATY OFF RESERVATIONS

HR 4169 & Identical Senate Bill 842 by COHEN & MUSKIE

DESTROYS INDIAN LAND TITLES AND CLAIMS UNDER TREATY IN MAINE. SETS PRECEDENCE FOR THE REST OF THE STATES AND TRIBES

HR 9736 CUNNINGHAM

PREVENTS INDIAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE TRADITIONALLY MADE THEIR LIVING AT FISHING FROM CONTINUING THEIR LIVELIHOOD, ALSO SETS PRECEDENCE

HR 9054 CUNNINGHAM

COMPLETE AND FINAL TERMINATION OF ALL TRIBES AND ABROGATION OF ALL TREATIES

HR 9951

DESTROYS INDIAN WATER RIGHTS

Senate Bill 1437 CRIMINAL CODE REFORM ACT

A THREAT TO FREEDOM OF EVERYONE: SPECIAL PROVISIONS RELATE TO CRIMINAL JURISDICTION OVER INDIAN COUNTRY. IT INFRINGES ON THE RIGHT TO ASSEMBLE GRARANTEED BY THE US CONSTITUTION

HR 9950 MEEDS

ELIMINATES TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND TRIBAL JURISDICTION GUARANTEED BY RATIFIED TREATY

Not all is Bleak

It wasn't the political, once-mending thing to say — but Vice President Walter Mondale said to Indian tribal leaders at a January 10 meeting in Albuquerque that the Administration would back Indian treaty claims to scarce resources. Mondale said that a proposed national Indian policy being prepared by Interior officials, with his assistance, would support negotiated settlement of Indian claims as opposed to an legislative abrogation of treaty rights as proposed in some pending

legislation in Congress. Mondale said that fair and honest dealings with the Indian people would be part of "out Indian policy." Mondale had no other meetings with Indians scheduled on his five-day trip through the western states.

Not likely

Michigan sports fisherman and state and local officials were told that there is little chance that Congress would abrogate Indian treaty fishing and

hunting rights to which exempt the Indians from state regulation.

Representative James Oberstar, Minnesota, who presided over the hearing, told a reporter: "Abrogation of treaties by legislation would undoubtedly engender the most heated and impassioned debate in modern times. It would open up highly speculative questions of compensation that could run into incalculable amounts of money. That, in itself, would be a deterrent."



RANDY FOSTER PHOTO

Santee Kindergarten Graduates

THE NEXT MEETINGS OF THE NEBRASKA INDIAN COMMISSION AND THE COMMISSION ADVISORY COMMITTEES WILL BY JULY 7, 1978. IN LINCOLN. TIMES AND MEETING ROOMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED.

SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE ANNOUNCED

Applications for both sections 103 and 104 Health Professions Scholarship Programs are due in the IHS area office on or before June 20, 1978. Anyone interested in applying for a scholarship under either of these sections should contact the Scholarship Coordinator, IHS/Program Office, Federal Office Bldg., 115 4th Avenue S.E., Aberdeen, South Dakota 57401 for a scholarship packet.



Until non-Indians who break the law on Indian reservations can be prosecuted by Indian courts, they will not be allowed on the Fort Hall, Idaho Reservation, the reservation business council says. The council has ruled that hunting, fishing and trapping by non-tribal members no longer will be permitted on the reservation. The US Supreme Court ruled in March that non-Indians who break the law on reservations may not be tried in Indian courts for criminal offenses without specific congressional consent. The Snake River and other streams on the reservation have been used extensively in the past by non-Indians for hunting and fishing. . . . A proposal to ban preferential treatment for minorities and women in schools and jobs ran into heavy opposition at its first hearing at the California State Capitol in Sacramento, and its author conceded its chances were dim. The proposed state constitutional amendment, ACA 68 by Assemblyman Stan Statham, Chico, got only one vote out of five members present in the Assembly Postsecondary Education Subcommittee. . . .

The American Indian Services at Brigham Young University has an offer you can't turn down -- a vacuum-packed gallon can full of garden seeds is being offered to American Indian families for \$7.00 -- but worth considerably more.

Each can contains 16 kinds of garden seeds which have been tested to have a germinating life span of 5 to 10 years. The seeds will plant a half-acre garden plot with such items as corn, peas, beans, squash (Zucchini), carrots, radishes, cucumbers, melon, beets, tomatoes, onions and other vegetables -- or save seed over for future plantings. Indian families from all over the country have already bought hundreds of these cans.

The cans of seeds can be purchased from: Dr. Dale Tingey, American Indian Services, Brigham Young University, Room 234, HRCB, Provo, Utah 84602. Additional information is available by calling: (801) 374-1211. Ext. 4364.



The Santee Roadrunners and Coach Jim Jones with

their medals and ribbons they won at the AAU track

meet at Ainsworth. The team took fifth place with

29 points in the meet.

Santee Roadrunners fifth in AAU

Eight young people from Santee up to and including the age of 13, competed in the Ainsworth Invitational AAU Track Meet Sunday, May 14 at Ainsworth. They came away with a total of 29 points and placed fifth overall while competing against such towns as Lincoln, Scottsbluff, Ralston and Creighton. There were approximately 400 competing in the meet.

Duane Whipple, competing in the nine and under division brought home three ribbons and one medal. He placed fifth in the 100 yard dash and the 220. He came in third in the mile and was a member of the 440 yard relay team that placed third. Other members of the relay team are Todd Runnels, Junior LaPointe and Darren Rederth.

In the ten and eleven year old group, Junior LaPointe came in third in the 440 and Todd Runnels placed third in the mile. Darren Rederth placed sixth in the Shot Put.

Myles Jones ran in the finals of the 100 yard dash in the twelve and thirteen year old group.

Corrine Jones, the only girl from Santee competing, also ran in the 100

yard dash finals in the nine and under girls.

Others competing in Coach Jim Jones Santee Roadrunner AAU Track team were Jimmy White and Colin Jones.

Their next competition will be the Junior Olympic District Meet to be held at Bassett, May 27. The Junior Olympics are sponsored by Sears and anyone can compete.